

EDITORIALS

Traffic Hazards

City driving has many dangers and not the least of these dangers is the danger of driving near parked cars.

When driving near parked cars, drive with care. Drive as far away from the line as conditions will permit.

When driving near parked cars, be alert and you'll avoid an accident.

Literary Licenses

The driver ahead of you may be a BUM or he may have a high IQ, but you won't be able to tell it from his 1956 license plates.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles has adopted a system under which each license will have three letters and three numerals, ranging from AAA001 presumably to ZZZ999.

To avoid confusion and low comedy remarks the department has eliminated such letter combinations as the above mentioned BUM, ones containing I, O, Q, and others such as RAT, LUG, SAP, and APE.

The Three Christmases

Our thoughts turn again to Christmas when children look wistfully at Santa Claus; when grownups jostle one another in shops and unseled streets; when here and there voices sing carols while sacred music floats with sweet dignity from the throats of organs.

There are three Christmases: the enchanting Christmas of childhood; the Christmas of commerce and the Christmas of religion. The three Christmases are confusingly intermingled.

As the sun creeps closer to the nadir of late December, small children feel a tremulous excitement. They try a little harder to please their elders.

Merchants are thinking in terms of seasonal business, their customers keep track of how many shopping days are left, but it is all a part of the great Christmas picture, and all of it belongs.

Worshippers in the churches are brought a little closer to God. With prayer, music and song they contemplate the old, old story of the Christ Child, and discover anew in the miracle of the Christmas Star forgiveness and mercy and the soul's way.

When you gladden a child's eye, when you buy a gift for a friend or loved one, when you rededicate yourself to a better life, you take part in each of the three Christmases.

And God smiles, for he knows that, for a short time each year, his children think less of self and open their hearts to others.



LAW IN ACTION

SPEEDIER JUSTICE

Everyone gains if he can justly shorten a trial or settle a law suit out of court.

When the parties can settle a controversy fairly, his "Canon of Ethics" says the lawyer should tell his client to avoid the law suit or end it.

Besides, California law has sought speedy justice in other ways:

1. California's Chief Justice, as head of the Judicial Council, may send judges from one county to another to help them catch up with heavy case loads.

2. Lawyers on each side get together to stipulate to certain facts which otherwise would

need time-consuming proof, weeks or perhaps months.

3. Today the Judicial Council encourages lawyers to make wide use of stipulations in "pre-trial conferences." After both lawyers in a civil case have done their best outside of court, the judge may meet with them to have them agree on further legal and factual questions.

Only the left-over questions go before the court or jury. Before the trial the judge sets down in a court order all the things the two sides agree on. The Judicial Council is still working out pre-trial rules under a new law in effect since last September.

Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for you to know more about our laws.

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Some women think they are angels. That's because they're always up in the air and harping on something. Sound like someone you know?

I see in the Oakland Tribune's "Daily Knave" column

Example For The Kids



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Friend of this chronicler has been openly boasting that he owns a Ford valued at \$50,000. (And that he does; he keeps \$47,000 in cash in the glove compartment) ... Walter Mendelsohn overheard this glib conversation. The boy asked: "What do you think will go well with my Bermuda shorts and stockings?"

Neil Morgan, of the San Diego Evening Tribune, discovered that the greeting card industry overlooked issuing a card especially designed for landlords.

"I guess there wouldn't be much demand for that sort of card. You see, I used to rent myself!" ... Most fortunate girl in our town is in charge of claim reports at a local life insurance office. Although nature failed to endow her with an eye-popping shape, she can walk over to any office file and pick out a new form.

Did you folks know that once upon a time I aspired to become a boxer? I even went so far as to win the 118-pound boxing championship in our family, even though I had to wait three years for my baby brother to gain five pounds and grow out of my class.

Mike Morgan, of the Tampa Daily Times, wrote Isadore Moidel, the L.A. attorney, about an L.A. furniture dealer who was visiting the beaches of St. Petersburg, Fla. The unfortunate Angelino had to suffer while an over-enthusiastic and repulsive native roared everything connected with California.

When asked recently how he feels about tidlands, My Uncle Shloomp cleared his throat and publicly announced: "I think they oughta be untied right away" ... Courage: That's something you gain gradually while singing the last few bars of our National Anthem.

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framed of it everytime someone asks you where you live? ... Now here's a switch as overheard in a cozy bit of Wilshire Blvd conversation. First man: "How much did your wife's family give you when you were married?" Second man: "Nothing. They're waiting for me to die so they can inherit MY money" ... Toronto, Can., takes its juvenile hockey games quite seriously. Their motto: "More rinks and less clinks" ... Balding friend of this gallery is learning how to walk on stilts. That way, nobody can see the top of his head.

Did you catch Perry Como's show where a teenage gal meets Richard Egan, the actor, and gushes: "Oh, Mr. Egan, I saw your latest picture '42 Times'!" Pleased as Punch, the leading man beams: "Wonderful! And what caused you to see it so often?" "I'm an usherette!" squealed the girl ... Two wise women, who are neighbors, join hands and vacuum tanks to clean their houses together. That way they have someone to talk to and time flies. They do a better cleaning job, too, because a woman won't skip spots in her friend's house as she is so prone to do in her own.

Then there was the homely fellow named Joe who changed his name legally to Handsome. Now, when strangers point him out and ask: "Who's he?" his friends smile warmly and reply: "Why, he's Handsome" ... Lawrence Welk, the band leader, recently said: "Dancing is the most enjoyable way a woman can find mental relaxation to give her grace and poise," to which my Aunt Zoosie replies: "Harumph! Evidently Mr. Welk doesn't know what it's like to dance with your Uncle Shloomp and his two left clothehoop feet."

First tipsy gentleman: "What is it that people who live in glass houses should not do?" Second tipsy tippler: "Anything with the lights on!" ... A lady from Minnesota visited New York. She patronized one of the city's swankiest cafes and rubbed elbows with multi millionaires. When she returned home, the woman was asked for her impression of rich people. She replied: "I was simply amazed. They eat just like we do."

Poor fellow! He bought a watch that was waterproof, shockproof, unbreakable and anti-magnetic and then he lost it! ... Ah, but to lead the life of a cowboy who rides into the sunrise! At that beautiful time of day everything in front of you becomes silver and gold and everything behind you becomes black and blue.

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

An admiral we heard of was told by a friend not to feel too bad about the 14-6 upset Army pulled over the Navy team recently.

"Just think," his friend admonished, "if you folks hadn't lived next door to a Congressman, you might have wound up an alumnus of Notre Dame." (Which was beaten 42-20 by SC on the same afternoon.)

Sunday was TV's day for yakkin' about Hollywood marriages.

For example, after hearing about a dozen sales at the film city Yarns routine, I jotted down some:

"This gal's been married so many times she has a charge account at the City Clerk's Office."

"This Hollywood guy married the girl for better or for worse - holding crossed fingers behind them which probably means 'not for long' during the ceremony."

"And the two little girls talking about the new daddy got of them when the other says 'Yes, I do' him. He was my daddy last year."

Clipped: The Clinton (Iowa) Herald says the only money that goes as far today as it did ten years ago is the dime that rolls under the bed.

The Beverage Paper Co. man has sent us another letter to let us know about the man who tossed a coin toward a blind man's cup and missed. The blind man jumped up and chased it.

"I thought you were blind," exclaimed the donor. "No, I'm not the regular blind man, he's out to lunch."

The Beveridge man also says in case you can't recall a man's name when you meet him, you can always stall by asking, "How are the folks?" Yeah, but suppose he's an unmarried orphan!

According to a report by Editor Herbie Case in "The Main Sheet" student published at Chadwick School in Rolla, Mo., the school was able to come by a nice pile of material at a close-out sale at the now defunct Palos Verdes College recently. As listed by Case, Chadwick teachers and officials loaded up with way they have someone to talk to and time flies. They do a better cleaning job, too, because a woman won't skip spots in her friend's house as she is so prone to do in her own.

A case of true love if we've ever heard of one is that of Morrie Bauwens Jr., a Douglas Aircraft aeronautical engineer. During the past five successive week ends, Bauwens has made the 800-mile round trip to Phoenix, Ariz., to see his fiancée. And he may set a record before he's through because he doesn't anticipate trying the final knot before Christmas or New Year's so the commuting swain may save another 4000 miles before he gets here to the altar. Her name is Marilyn.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of five columns by John Morley on his eyewitness conclusions of the fourth trip around the world in just the past five years. A summary on Europe, Near-East and Far East will follow in that order.)

Part II... Is the Russian "New Look" Genuine?

On the basis of what I saw and heard from the Geneva Summit conference to the Iron Curtain, I am convinced that Soviet "New Look" has been forced upon the Communist party in Russia by internal as well as external conditions.

This does not mean that the present conciliatory attitude is permanent, or that the Communists have changed their policy of world-domination. It simply means that certain factors inside and outside Russia have forced the Communists to change to a more friendly approach in their negotiations with the West.

In reviewing the statements I heard from such world personalities as Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Anthony Eden, President Eisenhower, Secretary Dulles, Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman Rhee, President Eisenhower and others, on the subject of the Soviet "New Look," I was impressed with certain points of similarity among these world authorities.

There was surprising agreement among them that the popularity of President Eisenhower and the status of the Secretary Dulles had their effect on the present Soviet "New Look." I heard more praise of Secretary Dulles than I did for the President on the question of U. S. foreign policy and its implementation. World leaders agreed that the economic recovery of Western Europe and the rearmament of West Germany had their effect. However, the three factors mentioned more often than any others were the unprecedented power of the Russian army inside the Russian government ... the popularity of Marshall Zhukov ... and the growth of Christianity against atheism inside the Iron Curtain, not only in Russia, but in Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and East Germany.

I learned, for example, that for the first time in the 38 years Communist history in Russia, the army is in control of the three most important government posts. The highest post, that of the secretary of the presidium (with the administrative powers of a president) is held by Marshall Klement Voroshilov; the next highest post is the premier, held by Marshall Nicolai Bulganin; and the third highest, that of the secretary of defense, is held by Marshall Georgi Zhukov, all army men. All these officials, while supported and tolerated by the Communist dictatorship, are still considered as interested by the Communist party for control of the government machinery in Russia. Since the execution of Lavrenti Beria, the old head of the NKVD (secret police), and the death of Stalin, the Russian army has moved up fast and the Communist party has been forced to consult it on policy decisions.

I saw party-head Nikita Khrushchev continue to play an important role, as he manipulates the party machinery inside the Soviet Union. But it is apparent to one who has been in and out of the Iron Curtain for years that the Russian army and Marshal Zhukov are major policy decisions. One of those decisions must have been that deceit and deception on the scale heretofore practiced in international conferences with the West had to be modified. Experienced observers in and out of Russia told me in Helsinki that the army ordered the Communist party "to stop" all the sword rattling and vituperation and present the Russian side with dignity and restraint, or else."

The power of the military has been established in recent weeks and years in various parts of the world. It was the army, for example, of Brazil that changed the Brazilian government four times in a week last month. It was the army of Argentina which overthrew Peron in favor of General Lonardi a few months ago, and it was the army again which threw out General Lonardi last week in favor of General Pedro Aramburu. It was the army of Egypt that overthrew King Farouk ... the army of Iran that overthrew Mohammed Mossadegh ... the army of Guatemala that overthrew President Arbenz and the Communist party leadership. The army of Russia, like the army of any country, has the only physical power to overthrow an unpopular political regime.

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